SUBJECT OUTLINE:
The Senior Japanese course aims to increase the students’ ability to communicate in their chosen language. Throughout the course students communicate both formally and informally in a wide range of everyday situations. The emphasis is on fluency through immersion style learning; a functional/communicative approach using as much authentic material as possible.
Learners are encouraged to engage in activities with a focus on providing ideas, situations and experiences to best facilitate their language learning. Technology is becoming an increasing part of the Japanese program and as such students will have the opportunity to work with a range of Information Technologies.

The course is constructed around four themes:
1. Family and Community e.g. celebrations and community
2. Leisure, Recreation & Human Creativity e.g. travel & entertainment
3. School and Post-School Options e.g. student exchanges, driver’s licence, formal and graduation
4. Social Issues e.g. environment and natural disasters.

CONTRIBUTES TO OP: Yes

ASSESSMENT OUTLINE:
- Four macro skills are assessed: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Each macro skill has equal weighting and is assessed two - three times per year in both Year 11 and 12.
  - Listening – students will listen to authentic listening texts differing in length, purpose and style, based on familiar material
  - Reading – students will read a variety of authentic texts that differ in length, purpose and complexity
  - Speaking – students will speak in a range of situations for communicative purposes.
  - Writing – Students will write texts differing in length, purpose and style
- All summative assessment tasks are undertaken in exam conditions. Speaking tasks will be recorded.
- Exit levels of achievement from this course of study are based on the fullest and latest information available.

CAREER PATHWAYS:
Hospitality: retail, tour guide, air host, events manager; Teaching: (Australia, JPN), tutor;
Business: interpreter, liaison, international relationships, pilot; Government: politician, embassy staff, international programs and coordination, military.

EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES:
- Participate in overseas tours organised by school staff
- Participate in student exchanges – both long and short term
- Hosting visiting students during home stays in Cairns
- Language and essay competitions
- Act as buddies for visiting international students

Particular universities will award a bonus OP point to students who have studied a language in years 11/12.

COSTS: General costs are covered in the Student Resource Scheme.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES:
- It is recommended that students wishing to study Senior Japanese have achieved at least a Sound Achievement in Japanese in Year 10.
- For students of Senior Japanese, use of Kanji is mandatory and by the end of Year 12 students are expected to write and recognise a minimum of 300 characters.
- Students of Japanese are expected to write script in reasonable form, shape and proportion and produce connected passages of about 400 kanamajiri.
- It is assumed that students of Senior Japanese have a thorough working knowledge of both the hiragana and katakana syllabaries.
- Senior Japanese may be taught as combined Year 11/12 classes.